

Course Information Document, AFTERNOONS, April 4th to 7th 2022, West Road.

This is an exciting new departure for Holiday Orchestra. We have often thought that parents and other family members would like a chance to do a little of what they see the Holiday Orchestra children enjoying so much. Normally, Easter Courses are mornings-only but since we have the use of the West Road Concert Hall for four full days we have also put together an afternoon programme which we hope will meet with your approval. On the one hand we have used the time to fill some of the gaps left by the Covid-restricted morning timetable, and on the other hand we have organised some opportunities for parents and carers to have some musical experiences themselves.

Hence we have a Recorder Consort every day, which is for children only for the first three days but becomes 'Recorder Consort Plus' on the fourth day as it is opened to include parents and other family members. Players must be Grade 1 standard or have had at least one year's playing experience.

Similarly we shall be running an Easter Orchestra, for children only for the first three days but with parents and other family members invited to join in for 'Easter Orchestra Plus' on the fourth day. This orchestra is for Grades 2 - 5, which is very different from anything we have run before and is intended to give the children a first taste of playing with the full range of orchestral instruments. Families new to Holiday Orchestra are welcome to book for Recorder Consort or Easter Orchestra, just as for the mornings.

For both Recorder Consort Plus and Easter Orchestra Plus, every adult will have to be with a designated child and every 'Plus' child (i.e. a child attending the Thursday only) will have to be with a responsible adult (not necessarily 1:1 and not necessarily their parent, if a group of friends would like to attend with the parent of one of them). We must assure parents of children who have been in Recorder Consort or Easter Orchestra all week, that these children will remain the responsibility of Holiday Orchestra on the Thursday if it does not suit parents to join them. For the 'Plus' children we are able to extend the age range down to 6 years, with suitable musical expertise, as these children will of course be with their adults.

The other 'Family' activities we are offering are three one-off sessions. On the Monday Kirsty Body will be running a Family Fun Sing; on Tuesday Erin Brown will offer a Folk tune session (to which we encourage you to bring whatever instrument you play); and on Wednesday Anthony Paul will host a Percussion Party. Again, the minimum age is 6 because a parent or carer will be present.

These one-off 'Family' activities are open to all families on our membership email list. Any children taking part who have previously attended Holiday Orchestra must have a responsible adult in the building but not necessarily in the same activity (so the adult could play in Recorder Consort Plus while the child plays in Easter Orchestra Plus). Children new to Holiday Orchestra are welcome but in that case parents and children must stay together.

The afternoon activities will run from 2 p.m. to 3.30. In summary the timetable is as follows:

	Children age 7-18	Adults and children age 6-18
Monday 4 th April	Easter Orchestra (grade 2-5) or Recorder Consort (grade 1+)	Family Fun Sing
Tuesday 5 th April		Folk tune session
Wednesday 6 th April		Percussion Party
Thursday 7 th April		Easter Orchestra Plus (grade 2-5) or Recorder Consort Plus (grade 1+)

We hope you will enjoy this week. We apologise if the rules seem rather complicated but we have to be very careful with the safeguarding of children as well as with remaining concerns about Covid.

For the afternoon booking form, please go to

https://holidayorchestra.co.uk/wordpress_f/online-booking-for-easter-pm-2022.

You will receive an automated email when you submit your form, listing the information you have submitted and telling you how to pay. Fees are as follows:

for four days of Recorder Consort (children 7-18), £35.

for four days of Easter Orchestra (children 7-18), £35.

for any single day, i.e. Recorder Consort Plus, Easter Orchestra Plus, one-off Family activities (families including 6 year-olds), £10 per adult per day and £2 per child per day.

An email confirming your booking will be sent during the week of 14th March if we have received your form and payment by then, or within a week of payment if you book later.

Do also look at the Course Information Document for the separate morning course, just for children. The document can be found at

https://holidayorchestra.co.uk/wordpress_f/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Course-Information-Document-Easter-2022-am.pdf

If you have any questions, please email our Bookings Secretary Fiona Rutter (info@holidayorchestra.co.uk) or telephone our Chairman Lydia Hill (01353 740021). Thank you.

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